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King sends message to Bahrain Gulf countries boost contacts

MANAMA, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal Tuesday delivered messages on Arab affairs and the situation in the Gulf from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa ibn Salman.

The prince's meeting with the ruler, which was also attended by top members of Bahrain's cabinet, marked the high point in a day of activities involving Gulf states and their relationships with each other.

Prince Saud's meeting with Sheikh Issa was also attended by Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa ibn Salman, Crown Prince and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad ibn Issa, and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mubarak ibn Khalifa.

Soon after the meeting, the Bahrain government announced that a high-level delegation from Kuwait will arrive here Wednesday for consultations on the Gulf situation.

The delegation, headed by Defense Minister and acting Foreign Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al-Salem, will bring a message from the ruler of Kuwait and remain here for continuing talks with Bahrain officials on the Gulf situation.

Those talks began Tuesday when Crown Prince and Defense Minister Sheikh Hamad met with Kuwaiti navy commander Col. Habib Al-Mail and received a message from Sheikh Salem about coordination and strengthening relations between the two states.

The flurry of activity here was mirrored elsewhere in the Gulf and on the Arabian Peninsula by developments involving Iran, Iraq, Oman, Egypt and North and South Yemen.

In Baghdad, in an editorial carried by the government's Iraqi News Agency, the official newspaper of the ruling Baath Socialist Party warned Iran's new leadership against interfering in the internal affairs of Gulf states, saying such meddling was "Playing with fire."

The warning came on the second day of large scale maneuvers in the Gulf by the Iranian Navy, the first it has held since the revolution that toppled the Shah last February.

Earlier, some Arab states had said they were uncomfortable about the navy exercise, although Iranian officials have said its purpose is to make certain the navy can defend the country's oilfields against any external aggression.

The attack in the Iraqi newspaper Tuesday was matched by a similar one in the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Rai Alaa*, which accused Iran's new government of trying to establish "an empire through Islam and to rob the Arabs of their religion."

The Kuwaiti paper said Iran's government is exploiting sectarian differences between Shiite and Sunni Muslims in an effort to weaken the Arabs.

That point was also made by the Iraqi newspaper *Al Thawra*, which warned Iran that "the criminal hands which will extend to any Arab port will find a sharp sword to dispel their sick dreams of expansion and aggression."

It specifically attacked Iran's occupation of the Gulf islands of Abu Musa and Greater and Lesser Tumb after the British withdrawal from the Gulf in 1971.

"The ruling forces in Iran still occupying three Arab islands contrary to logic are trying to play with fire through moving their agents, intervening in the affairs of the Arab Gulf states, making provocative statements and claiming Bahrain," it said.

Iran has officially denied that it has any claim over Bahrain.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the peninsula, in Sanan North Yemeni officials received Iraqi Deputy Premier Taha Yassin, who arrived Tuesday on visit officially linked to the signing of several assistance agreements.

To the south, in Aden, the Marxist government Tuesday verbally attacked its neighbor to the east, Oman, for its plan to defend the strategic Straits of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf.

In what may or may not be a Gulf-related development Tuesday, Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak left Cairo for Muscat to hold talks with Sultan Qaboos on what the official Middle East News Agency said was the Egyptian-Israeli peace process.

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IN JEDDAH: Prince Naif receives Tuesday Jordanian Minister of Interior Suleiman Arar.

Abdullah to visit Amman

Naif receives Jordan minister

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 (SPA) — Jordanian Minister of Interior Sulaiman Arar paid a few hour visit to Saudi Arabia Tuesday. He was met and later seen off at the airport by Interior Minister Prince Naif. Jeddah District Commissioner Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Commander of the Western Province Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi and Jordania

nian Ambassador Tharwat Al-Talhouni. Meanwhile Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard has accepted an invitation from King Hussein to visit Jordan. But no date has been fixed for it.

The invitation was given to him by the Jordanian ambassador here Tharwat Talhouni.

Over Lebanon

Israel will continue flights

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — Israel will carry on with reconnaissance flights over Lebanon following the latest air battle in which four Syrian fighters were shot down, military commanders said.

They claimed aerial reconnaissance and other forms of surveillance were essential in view of the activities by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) against Israel.

Israeli chief of staff Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan, air force commander Maj. Gen. David Ivry and head of military intelligence Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Sagiv were commenting after Monday's dogfight in which four Syrian MiG-21 planes were shot down.

Egypt proposes Jerusalem plan

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (R) — Egypt has proposed to Israel that the Jerusalem problem be solved by dividing the city into independent boroughs under a supreme municipal council, the influential newspaper *Hauras* reported Tuesday.

The newspaper said the Egyptian suggestion, presented in general terms only, would mean that the city — holy to Christianity, Islam and Judaism — would remain united, but that several boroughs would be sovereign under Arab authorities.

Israeli spokesmen have so far commented on the report.

A similar idea was first suggested by Jerusalem's Jewish Mayor Teddy Kollek soon after Israeli troops reunited the city when they occupied the eastern part in the 1967 war.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan suggested years ago, while he was defense minister, that each religion run its holy places with extra-territorial rights.

Israel insists that united Jerusalem will forever remain its capital. But only 13 of the 62 countries with which Israel has relations have their embassies in Jerusalem.

At a meeting with Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman in Washington last week, Egyptian Vice-President Husni Mubarak urged Israel to find a speedy solution for the Jerusalem issue as he said this would pave the way for a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East, Hareket said.

The Palestinians and their Arab supporters

Pakistani polls begin; 3 killed

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 25 (R) — Three persons were killed and more than 10 people injured in Pakistan Tuesday during the country's first elections since the imposition of military rule more than two years ago.

Police said two persons were killed in Karachi and one in Hyderabad, major cities in Sind Province, during clashes between supporters of rival candidates.

Other clashes were reported in rural areas of the province and an unknown number of people were arrested.

Last Sunday an election candidate whose brother was the superintendent of Rawalpindi jail, where former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was executed last April, was shot dead. The Associated Press of Pakistan reported Tuesday.

In Punjab and North-West Frontier Provinces voting took place peacefully by the Pakistan National Alliance (PNA), one of the country's two major parties.

The Israeli commanders said the latest reconnaissance flight had been supported by Israeli interceptors following a Syrian air-to-air missile attack against a similar mission last week.

Meanwhile Syria has put its air defense system and some mechanized ground forces on alert following the latest air battle with Israel, Arab diplomatic sources in Beirut said.

The battle over the coastal town of Damour was called ominous by Arab diplomats, while the U.S. State Department described the dogfight as "a dangerous development."

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Brig. Gen. Dov Sion of Israel transferred control of the area to Brig. Gen. Saf-el-Din Abu Shmuf in a military ceremony at Abu Durba, about 50 miles south of the Egyptian oil fields at Abu Rodeis on the Suez Gulf.

The area contains no major Israeli military installations and is inhabited by about 3,000 bedouins.

At their summit meeting in Haifa earlier this month, Prime Minister Menahem Begin and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt agreed that Israel would return the Mt. Sinai area in November instead of next January, as originally scheduled. Sadat plans a special celebration at the site to mark the anniversary of his 1977 trip to Jerusalem.

On September 26, 1962, Sanaa's antiquated — and only — radio broke into its normal programs to announce that a coup had taken place against the week-old regime of Imam Muhammad Al-Badr, son and successor of Imam Ahmad ibn Yahya of the Hamidid dynasty which had ruled in North Yemen for centuries.

Few were surprised by the coup, and many were disappointed that it had not taken place much earlier, for Yemen under Imam Muhammad had earned for itself the reputation as the second most backward state in the Arab world. (The prize for the most backward going to the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman at the time.)

For North Yemen, the "Arabia Felix" of the Greeks and the so-called "granary of Arabia" of the Romans, that day 17 years ago Wednesday was the end of a long low ebb.

Today, nine years after the long civil war that finally ended in 1970, the Yemen Arab Republic has made great strides forward in all fields — education, health, road building, etc. — almost none of which existed in the country under its former rulers.

The country retains the great natural beauty of its rugged mountains. But it has come a long way since that September morning when the old Ottoman cannon rocked the palace of the young Imam.

The eight years of civil war between royalists and republicans claimed an estimated 200,000 lives, some of them those of the

last year's government budget amounted to

Jordan rules out talks Asserts rights of Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan made clear Tuesday that he will not join in the U.S.-sponsored Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and said Egypt had fallen into an Israeli trap designed to split the Arab world.

"We are hurt to see the leadership of Egypt, a country we love and cherish, to fall into the Israeli trap aimed at fragmenting the United Arab front," he told the 152-member General Assembly.

The Egyptian leadership has fallen or has been led, into the trap, but honorable and genuine peace, which can be accepted and lived with has become more elusive than before.

"If Israel really wanted peace, he added, it would have preferred to deal with the Arabs as a group and would have presented an opportunity for Palestinians to regain their national and human rights and recreate their unity as a national entity."

He said he also doubted that the United States by itself could exert a positive influence in achieving a just and durable Middle East peace, "as long as its policy is committed to supporting Israel by all political and material means and by supplying armaments."

After his speech, for which he received a standing ovation, King Hussein briefly met heads of delegations attending the assembly's first session.

Later Tuesday he was to return to the U.N. for a dinner in his honor given by Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

In his address, he said, "western Europe is overcoming the effects of Zionism control both in the mass media and in national parliaments. The European mind has been opened to the realities of the situation in the Middle East and to the aspirations and sufferings of the Palestinian people..."

"The whole climate in the world today is one that rejects occupation and racism wherever they are exercised. It is, thus, conducive to recognition of Palestinian rights."

"Unfortunately, however, the Israeli occupation of Arab territories and the concomitant sufferings of the Palestinian people have prevented a breakthrough in our own region."

Among the factors militating against a peace settlement in the region were Israel's policies of building settlements in Arab territories, tying the economy of the territories to its own, making radical changes in their physical, cultural and human characteristics and ravaging Jerusalem, said the Jordanian king.

"The Israeli leaders have emphasized that they consider any self-rule for Palestinians, however multilateral, to apply to the inhabitants, but not to the land," he added.

He questioned whether, under such conditions, a just and genuine coexistence could come about.

"As the heart of Palestine and the homeland of the Palestinians, the West Bank is not subject to bargaining," he said. "There can be no meaning to any international settlement if it leaves the future of the West Bank and Gaza vague, or applies to it a status at variance from that which applies to the other occupied territories," he declared.

He rejected Israel's arguments that Jordan should absorb the Palestinians and added that Jordan was cooperating in good faith with the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), as the representatives of the Palestinian people.

Earlier King Hussein held "very fruitful"

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Preparations move ahead

20 per cent more pilgrims expected this year

JEDDAH, Sept. 25 (SPA) — Saudi authorities expect a 20 per cent increase in the number of pilgrims from abroad this year. Last year one million came from outside the Kingdom.

To cope with the increase, a number of projects at Jeddah Airport, including an expansion of the pilgrim terminal, have been carried out successfully.

Sheikh Abdullah Mehdi, the

president of Civil Aviation, said Tuesday that a four kilometer runway has been built and fully equipped to handle jumbo jets.

The parking has also been expanded to accommodate 35 planes of all types.

Mehdi also said that 85 per cent of the new Jeddah Airport project, whose cost has been estimated at SR 80 million, has been completed.

He said that this year's expansion of the air pilgrim terminal here has cost SR 5 million, and that a similar expansion was planned for Medina airport to receive large aircraft from abroad directly, rather than make people change planes in Jeddah.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Majma that the Pilgrimage committee there met Tuesday to discuss arrangements for the Pilgrimage.

It decided to set up 60 tents as rest camps for the pilgrims and to open a Red Crescent center, a dispensary, a Scout center, a Religi-

ous Guidance office, a large mosque, a general services municipal bureau and police, traffic and Civil Defense stations.

Okaz meanwhile reported Tuesday that Minister of Health Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi has approved this year's Pilgrimage health plan, and a committee has been formed to supervise medical services.

Three hospitals, 47 medical centers, complexes and clinics have been prepared for the Pilgrimage.

There are 11 centers and seven complexes in Arafat, six centers and one complex in Muzdalifah, five complexes, 12 clinics and one center in Mina, five centers in Jarash, Adil, Ziyya and Masjid Al-Kabsh, two clinics at the Land Pilgrim's City and one clinic in Saadah.

A hospital in Arafat has 120 doctors. It will operate between Oct. 26 and Nov. 5. The Jebel Al-Rahma hospital will open Oct. 26 and close Nov. 1. It has 50 doc-

tors and 67 nurses. The Mina hospital will open Oct. 26 and close Nov. 5. The Arafat centers will operate between Oct. 27 and Nov. 1.

Dr. Abbas Hamza Al-Marzouki, health director of the Western Region, has been authorized to supervise the ministry's activities during the Pilgrimage. He is also a member of the higher health committee.

The committee is headed by Dr. Jazairi, and otherwise made up of Dr. Ahmad Saqir and Dr. Ibrahim Ahmad Hakimi, deputy ministers of health and vice-chairmen of the committee. Dr. Yusuf Al-Humaidan, general director of management in the ministry, Dr. Hashim Dabbagh, general director of preventive medicine, Dr. Muhammad Al-Shour, general director of laboratories, Dr. Hassan Gharnali, technical advisor to the Minister and Dr. Abbas Gazzaz, assistant general director of curative medicine.

Saleh Jemal Hariri, director of legal affairs in the ministry, is to be the committee's secretary.

In Mecca, SPA meanwhile reported that the Cultural Committee of the Wehda Society Monday held a seminar that discussed the experimental organization this year of the pilgrim guides, called *mutawifeen*.

The seminar was on the subject *Tiwafa and Mutawifeen and the experimental Organization for Mutawifeen*. Tiwaifa is the guidance of pilgrims.

Arriving pilgrims are divided into groups in the charge of a guide who speaks their language. He directs them in ritual and helps them perform the Pilgrimage, as well as looking after them.

In Hama, the Ministry of Health will open eight clinics in some villages of the region, it was announced Tuesday.

They will be located in Taraf, Jashah, Bataliyah, Kilabia, Hay Al-Iyun, Belmubraz, Mutaiyah, Shariq and Salwa at the border with Qatar.

In Taipei, meanwhile, Dr. C.M. Wang, Director-General of the National Health Administration, Monday met two advisers to the Ministry of Health to discuss matters related to the Sino-Saudi medical cooperation program.

The two Saudi officials were Dr. Abdul Qader Jan, and Salah Talib.

He will forward the report presented by the Muslim World League on the plight of Indian Muslims who immigrated from Naxia Province and were maltreated and in some cases killed by the Indian armed forces.

He had sent two messages to the International Committee for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies calling for financial,



(Photo by Mohamed Ibrahim)

BLAZE: Fire broke out Tuesday morning in the ground floor of the Rajhi Building on Mecca road. The building was evacuated while Civil Defense men under command of Maj. Amin Al-Badri fought the fire. Badri said no one was hurt, and damage was minimal. Investigations showed that the fire was caused by electrical overload.

Ulema mourn

Fahd orders prayers for Maudoudi

is calamitous."

The Mecca-based Muslim World League also issued a statement mourning the death of Maudoudi. It said: "The General Secretariat of the Muslim World League has received with great shock and sorrow the news of the death of the great Muslim Alem Sheikh Abdul Ala Maudoudi.

Maudoudi,

a Pakistani and a leading Islamic thinker and founder of the *Jamaat-e-Islami*, the Society of Muslims, died at the age of 77 Saturday in Buffalo, New York State, where he was undergoing medical treatment.

The World Assembly of Muslim Youth here issued a statement saying that Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, the chairman of the Board of Religious Guidance, cabled President Zia ul-Haq expressing his profound grief at the death of the Maulana. He said that "the world of Islam has been deprived of one of its greatest leaders and the loss

member of the league itself, was signed by Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan.

The Maulana's body was flown to Pakistan, where he settled in the 1940s after moving from what is now India, and buried in Lahore Tuesday.

Sheikh Muhammad ibn Abdul-Aziz Al-Subaiyil, the imam of the Holy Mosque in Mecca, was due to lead the *Salat Al-Janaza*, or funeral service, there. Dr. Ahmad Totonji, the assistant secretary-general of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth, and Dr. Taha Jaber Halwani, professor of Hadith at Imam Muhammad ibn Saud University, left Ryadi for Pakistan Tuesday to attend the service.

Gen. Zia has expressed his great shock and grief at the loss.

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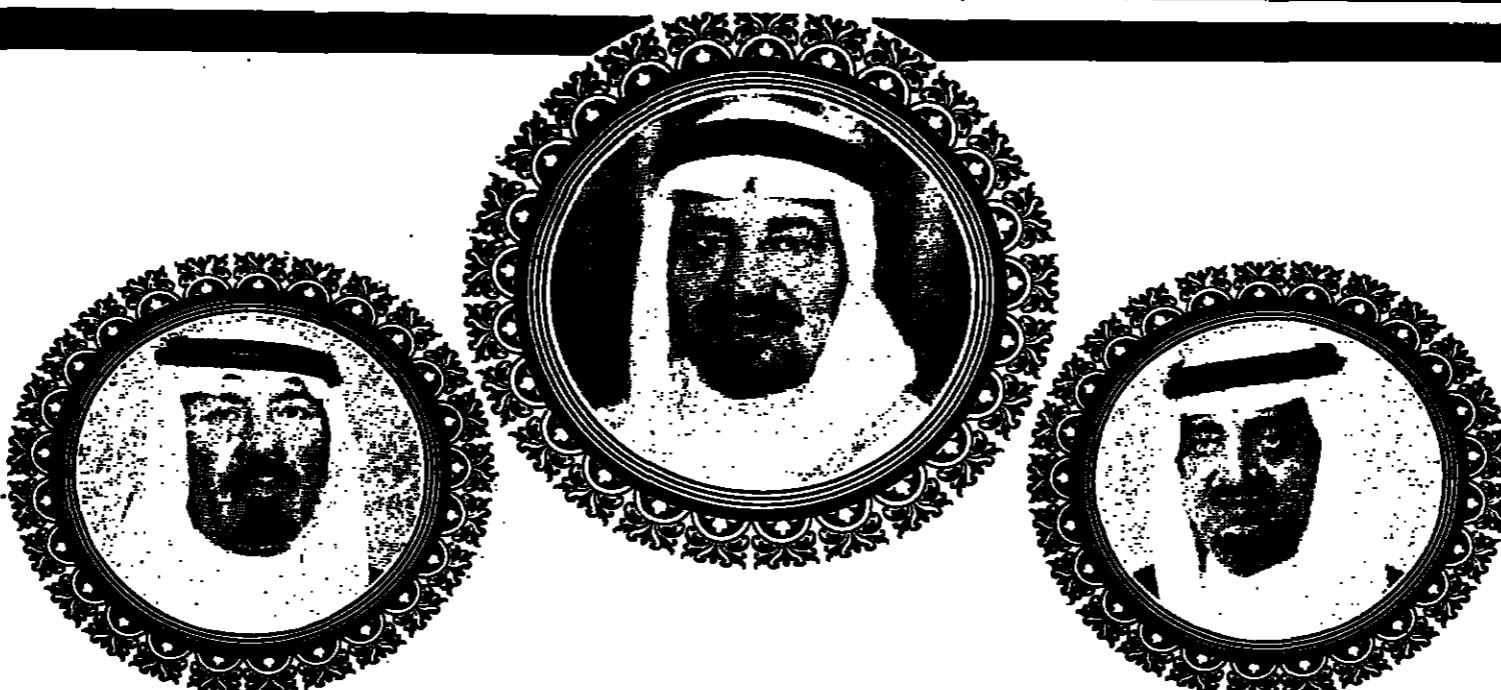
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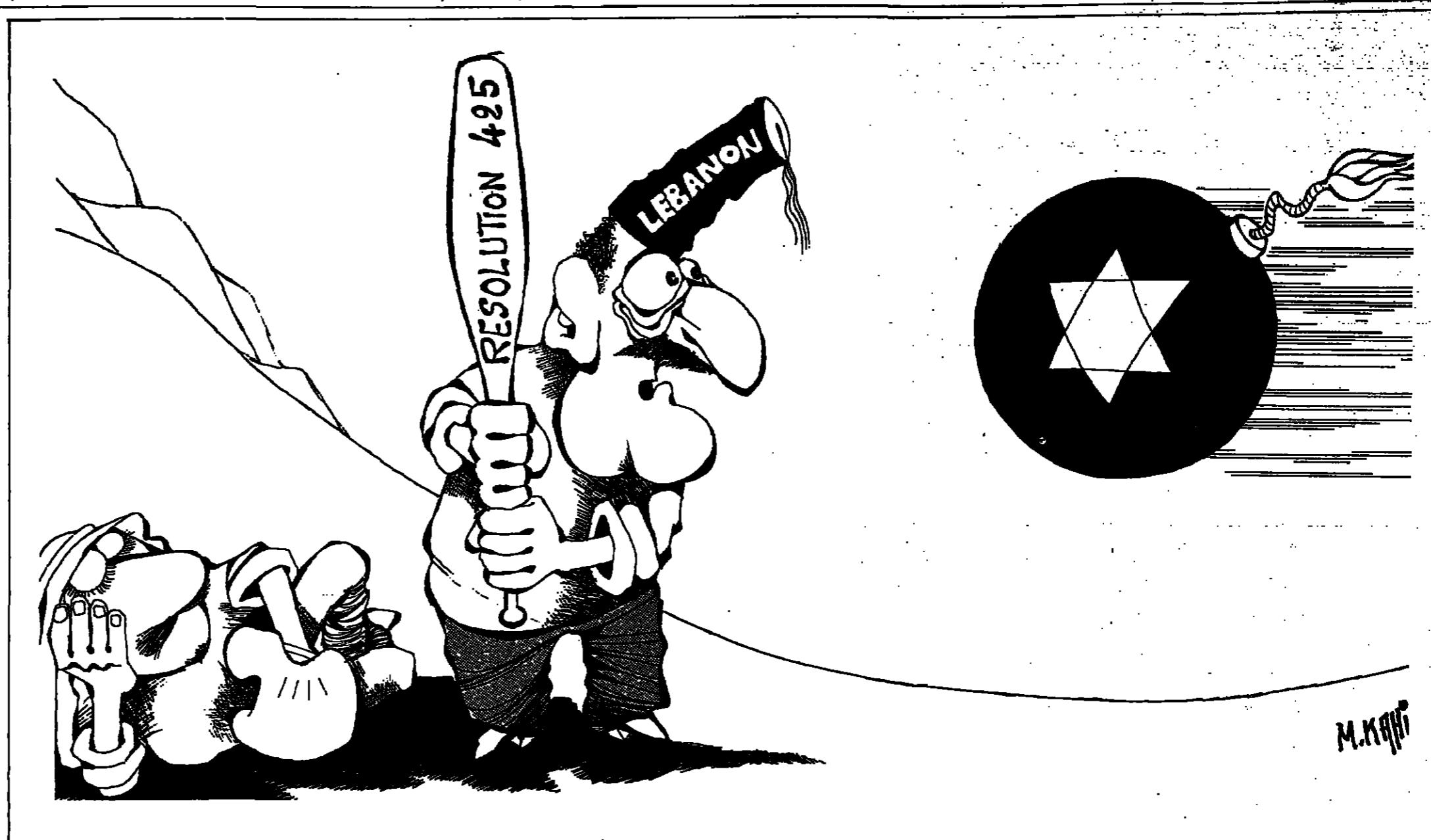
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The Arabs and America: an interview with Clovis Maksoud

(The following is the text of an interview with Dr. Clovis Maksoud by Mazin Omer of ALWATAN, a daily newspaper in Kuwait).

ALWATAN — What is your present assignment in the United States?

MAKSoud — I am the special envoy of the Arab League to the United States on an information mission and I am also the Permanent Observer of the Arab League at the United Nations.

ALWATAN — How long is your assignment?

MAKSoud — Six months, but it is renewable.

ALWATAN — Why did you accept this assignment?

MAKSoud — The Arab League Secretary General, Mr. Chedli Klibi, considered the assignment in the United States at this particular juncture to be crucial because the United States should be exposed to the Arab League consensus as manifested through the resolutions of the Baghdad summit, and if that consensus is appreciated and understood it would enhance Arab-American understanding. To date, U.S. policy has been based on the rejected Camp David accords and the peace treaty between Sadat and Begin.

ALWATAN — You naturally agree with this assessment. Are you hopeful about what you can achieve during this assignment?

MAKSoud — I think there is now in the United States the beginning of a new awareness. Firstly, the fact that the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty has contributed to destabilization in the Middle East rather than to stability. Secondly, it constituted a step away from peace rather than a step toward peace. Thirdly, the Palestinian issue is central to any prospect of a comprehensive settlement in the area. Fourthly, the rights of the Palestinians can no longer be ignored. Fifthly, the evidence of Israel's aggressiveness has increased rather than decreased after the treaty, and lastly, new settlements in the West Bank have been established rather than old ones removed.

ALWATAN — What do you personally hope to achieve?

MAKSoud — I think it is the duty of the Arab League to put all these developments in a coherent manner so that the American public becomes aware of the discrepancy between the Administration's declared objective of seeking a comprehensive peace and the actualities of its diplomacy ...

ALWATAN — But the Arab League has been, by large, ineffective in the United States ...

MAKSoud — The ineffectiveness was due to the tendency to emphasize the bureaucratic rather than the creative aspects of the League. It now appears that the new challenges that are facing the Arab League and the intellectual alertness of the new

secretary general would tend in my view — and hope — to enable the creative aspects of the Arab collective work to take over more than the bureaucratic domination that has characterized every appearance.

ALWATAN — The common complaint of your predecessors has been the limited budget of the League offices, which are five in the United States. You have been assigned a special budget for this assignment?

MAKSoud — In so far as this mission is a special mission and because the League offices' budget is still governed by last year's budget, a special budget has been given to my mission which is in addition to what is available.

ALWATAN — Do you think the amount is sufficient?

MAKSoud — The amount is adequate. In the United States the challenges are big and obviously the more money the better. We are, nevertheless, restricted by the availability of funds.

ALWATAN — Do you plan any radical changes in the Arab League setup here?

MAKSoud — I have submitted recommendations to alter certain aspects of the Arab League functions. One of these is to have Washington rather than New York serve as the Arab League headquarters for information in the United States. One can read the political geography of the country better from Washington. My other recommendation is that we would want to enable the officers of the League to move more freely among the American decision and opinion-makers instead of having them closed in behind their desks. I will also be submitting a plan for a definite restructuring of the Arab League and, hopefully, it will be accepted by the secretary general.

ALWATAN — Would you be contacting U.S. government officials?

MAKSoud — I will try to talk to the U.S. government, Congress and journalists. I am asked to inform and I will inform anyone who is willing to listen.

ALWATAN — But that has not been the pattern of previous Arab League envoys to talk to American officials.

MAKSoud — When I came here previously as a special envoy, and when Mr. Ghassan Twaini came as a special envoy, we both had opportunities to convey Arab viewpoints. But you must understand, we do not undertake negotiations.

ALWATAN — What else do you want to do that is different from your predecessors?

MAKSoud — I do not plan to do anything different. I am just personally different in style and I do not know whether this is an improvement or not.

I intend to communicate openly and I intend to move around as much as possible. I think the issues

should be addressed openly with the intellectual content necessary to convince people. It is our intention to minimize the biases against us, to correct the image, to communicate the basic issues and aspirations of the Arabs at this juncture and to confront the repeated and systematic distortions about the Arab League and Arab policies.

ALWATAN — How do you propose to do that?

MAKSoud — Through public speaking, at universities and at platforms such as the World Affairs Council, public affairs institutes and citizens groups. I intend to contact Congressmen and senators. I will also be conveying the Arab viewpoint through articles and press conferences and contacts with various sectors of the American public.

ALWATAN — Has the Andrew Young affair affected the Arab League operation here?

MAKSoud — Circumstances of Andrew Young's resignation (as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations) is another proof of the spillover that the (American) policies of making the Palestine Liberation Organization untouchable can have repercussions. The circumstances of the resignation shows how the Israeli lobby overplays its hand. It naturally opened the perception of the American people to the fact that, maybe, the Arabs were not wrong as perceived earlier and that they are right. I think there would be some eagerness on the part of the American people to listen to the Arab viewpoint never before.

ALWATAN — Let us turn to politics, Arabs have always felt that an American president serving a second term is more likely to be supportive of the Arab case. Do you share this view?

MAKSoud — It is possible that the president of the United States would be constrained to take a very objective viewpoint if he is seeking re-election.

But the margin of difference cannot be too profound because policies have to be altered conceptually as well as politically.

ALWATAN — If President Carter gets reelected, do you feel he would be more forceful on the Palestinian Question as he seemed to be in the early days of his presidency?

MAKSoud — The test is that the Palestinian issue has to be addressed whether he is reelected or not. As long as the Palestinian Question is not addressed properly the consequences would be further destabilization in the area, and I think the United States as a global power must assume its responsibility for peace. Therefore, irrespective of the internal political constraints or incentives, the United States should deal with this problem on its merits...

ALWATAN — In other words, whoever is in the White House in 1981, be it Carter or anyone else, will have to deal with the Middle East question.

MAKSoud — First of all, we do not have and should not have a declared preference about candidates. What we should do is work objectively on the issues themselves and move American public opinion to appreciate the legitimacy of our aspirations and our rights.

ALWATAN — Am I correct in saying then that you do not share the Arab view that an American president serving a second term will feel less inhibited by the Jewish lobby than a first-term president?

MAKSoud — I do not contradict this general Arab view and I do not share it. I think the objective realities of the situation in the Middle East would determine the overall policies of the United States. It is our duty to make the United States more responsive to the legitimate commitments of the Arabs and, in particular, the Palestinians.

ALWATAN — In the meantime, are you hopeful that the Carter Administration in the months ahead will make a major move before national elections in November 1980?

MAKSoud — I do not know what is major... ALWATAN — ...or a shift in emphasis?

MAKSoud — I think it is discernible that at this moment there is a realization that the euphoria of Camp David and the peace treaty is beginning to fade away, and coming to grips with the new realities of the Arab world is becoming more seriously studied. I think this can be considered a positive step forward. Whether it is enough to make us hopeful about forthcoming American policy remains to be determined.

ALWATAN — What are the chances of a Palestinian-American dialogue?

MAKSoud — There has always been a Palestinian-American dialogue. What there has not been is an American contact with the PLO. For example, some Congressmen have seen Mr. Yasser Arafat and I was personally a witness to these meetings. But the important thing is not a dialogue between the United States and the PLO but the outcome of dealing with the PLO in order to bring about the necessary legitimate national rights of the Palestinians and stability in the area.

ALWATAN — This may not seem to be an appropriate last question. There are many Arabs who feel that an information effort is not worth the trouble and will not change matters for them? How do you feel about this?

MAKSoud — I think this view is erroneous.

Also, I think expecting a great deal from an information campaign is also erroneous. I think if our policy is clearer and more coherent than an information campaign would be consequential. We cannot have an information campaign without a clear policy.

saudi press review

Newspapers Tuesday played up the aerial combat between Israeli and Syrian warplanes over Lebanon during an Israeli raid on the southern part of the country. It was the second dogfight since June 27 and took place while the Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss was in Damascus discussing the Lebanese situation.

The papers also frontpaged the latest meeting of the Council of Ministers and its resolutions.

In an exclusive interview with a member of the executive council of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Abu Maizar Al-Riyad said the Palestinians rejected President Carter's allegations that none of the Arab leaders he had met wanted a Palestinian state. Abu Maizar said that King Khalid's messages and Crown Prince Fahd's declarations belie Carter's claims.

Al-Jazirah's editorial detected a marked and welcome trend in

American public opinion in favor of recognizing the plight of the Palestinian people and, indeed, sympathizing with them.

Israeli Zionist influence is still tangible as far as the U.S. administration is concerned, and has succeeded in preventing official American recognition of the PLO, "the paper said.

"But it is also clear that more and more private Americans are leaning towards the Palestinians and this could in due course weaken official policy in this matter," the paper added.

The trend will be strengthened by the announcement of Belgian foreign minister Simonet that the European Economic Community is seriously studying the PLO as a necessary ingredient of European diplomatic strategy in the search for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

The paper said the Palestinian

issue is gaining more support in the United Nations, Africa, Asia, Europe and also the United States. "This support should be mobilized until Arab rights are conceded and restored," it said.

Commenting on the dogfight over Lebanon Al-Riyad said Israel has two aims: "The first is to test the Arab world's readiness and capability for an all out war without Egypt of course — which may be imposed on it. The second one is to draw the Arab states which rejected the Camp David accords into a treaty, similar to the accords, and thereby break the ring which is tightening around it.

"There has been some discussions of the latter goal since Egypt has been measuring Israel that it is a matter of time before the rejectionist Arabs are persuaded to join in the accords. But Israel is fed up with waiting and is resorting to military operations to get out of the rut it is in. The dogfight

is a clear indication of the style which Israel has adopted to lure the Arabs into a military confrontation," it said. The paper wondered whether the Arabs are waiting for an American, European or U.N. censure motion none of which will be of use to them.

Saying that American policy in the Middle East is full of contradictions in both behavior and attitude, Okaz said the latest American approach to the crux of the problem — the Palestinians — is hedged with conditions in advance of a dialogue. These can only complicate matters even before negotiations have begun, the paper said.

"American policy makers have suffered from continued Israeli pressure and interference that they find themselves hamstrung to do anything positive in the Middle East. It is therefore high time to be logical with themselves, at least once, and enter into a constructive dialogue with the PLO to find out what they want and tell its leaders what they want without any conditions and pre-conditions," it said.

"The Lebanese government is unable to carry out its plans in the southern part of the country because Israel and its lackeys are preventing it from enforcing its authority in its own country, according to an Al-Bidayah editorial.

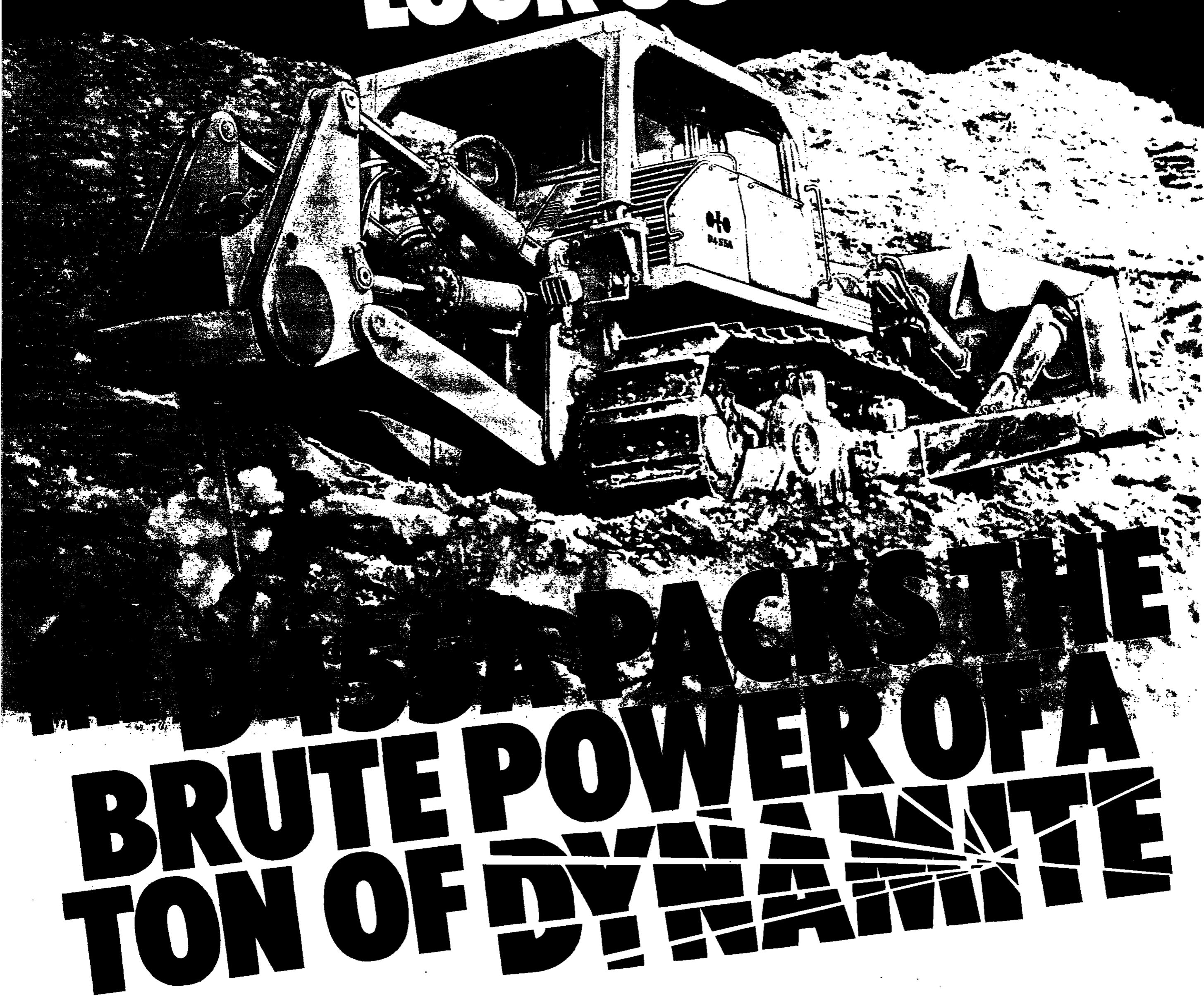
The paper wondered what the Arab states are doing about the whole Middle East question in order to reach a peaceful solution since the Lebanese tragedy is only part of it.

It urged the Arab states to use the current session of the United Nations to draw up and put forward an alternative formula for a peaceful settlement." We believe that the last Arab summit in Baghdad has laid down a plan and a strategy which can be adopted for a joint Arab action," the paper added.

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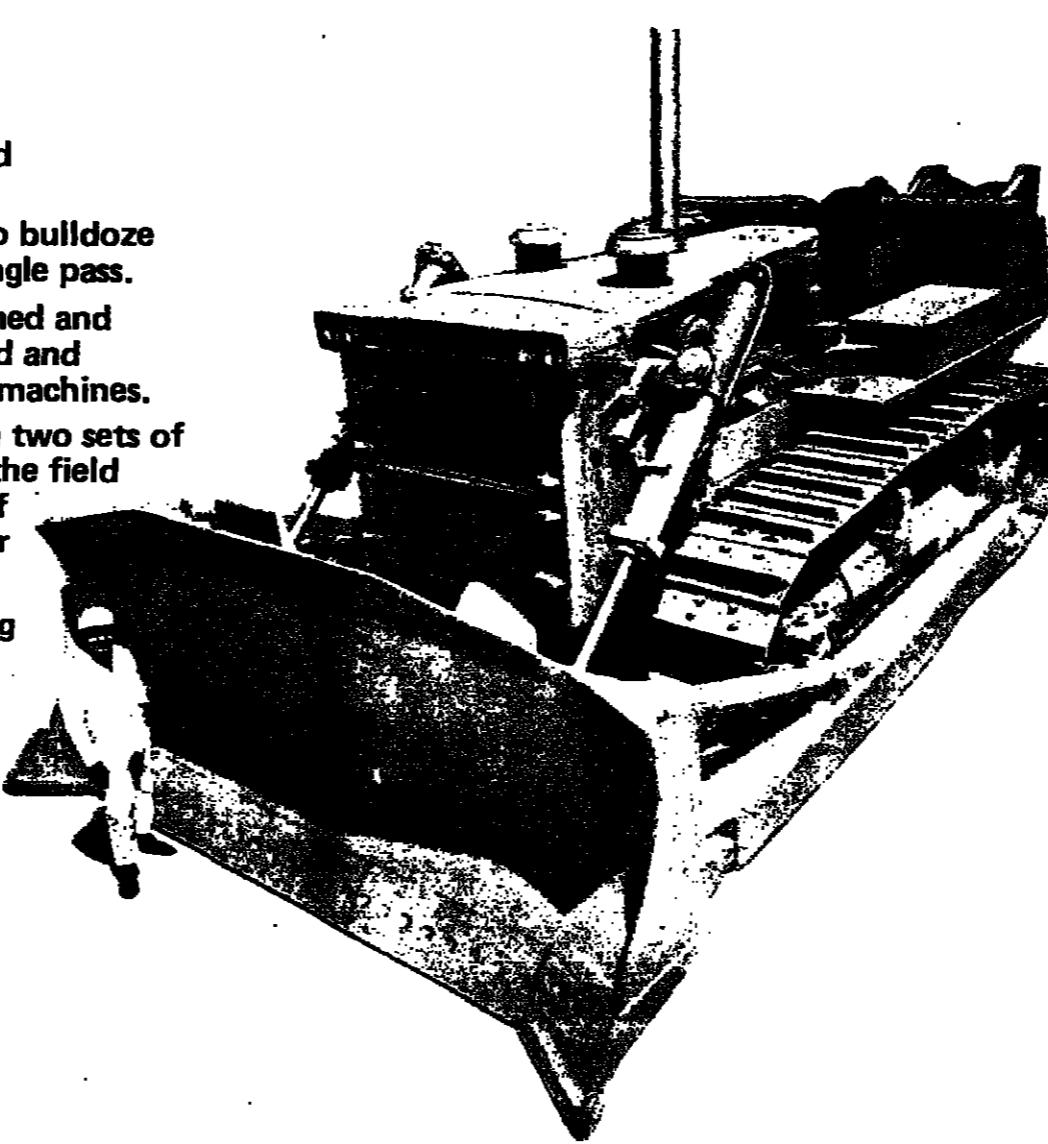


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As Astros lose pair

Expos keep their half-game lead

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (AP) — The Montreal Expos maintained a half-game lead in the National League East race by splitting a doubleheader with the Pittsburgh Pirates Monday night while the Atlanta Braves put a dent in Houston's hopes for the West title by sweeping a pair from the Astros.

After dropping a 5-2 decision in the opener that temporarily put the Pirates in first place, the Expos came back to take a 7-11 decision in the nightcap in the crucial battle of East contenders in Pittsburgh.

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The Braves beat Houston 5-4 and 8-1, dropping the Astros 2½ games behind the idle Cincinnati Reds in the West.

The California Angels, meanwhile just about sewed up the American League West with a 4-3 decision over the second-place Kansas City Royals as Dan Ford knocked in four runs with a single and two sacrifice flies.

The Angels' victory reduced their "magic number" to two games and they can clinch the West title by beating the Royals Tuesday night in the second game of their three-game series in Anaheim.

SPLIT golds go to French

SPLIT, Yugoslavia, Sept. 25 (R) — France took four of Monday's eight athletics gold medals. Yugoslavia snatched two and Italy and Greece one each at the Mediterranean Games here.

Chantal Rega won the first gold of the day for France when she won the women's 100 meters in 11.48 seconds, ahead of Italians Marisa Masullio and Laura Vianco.

Her compatriot Laurence Elloy followed up with a win in the women's 100 meters. She beat Greece's Elisavet Pantazi and Italy's Patrizia Lombardo into second and third positions.

France's third and fourth wins came in the men's javelin throw and the 20 kilometers walk.

Penisio Lutui shattered the Games' javelin record with a throw of 80.18 meters at his fourth toss. Tunisia's Tarek Chaabani took the silver and Yugoslavia's Nedjo Djurovic the bronze medal.

In Atlanta

Navratilova ruins Richards

ATLANTA, Georgia Sept. 25 (AP) — Martina Navratilova had to win a tie-breaker Monday night to beat Renee Richards, 7-6, 6-1, in the first round of the Atlanta women's Tennis Tournament.

Navratilova and Richards were tied at 6-6 in the first set, before Navratilova won the tiebreaker 7-3 with an overhead shot.

Richards broke Navratilova's service in the first set to even it at 3-3, and then held her own service to lead and passed Navratilova with a forehand for a 5-3 lead.

But Navratilova broke back to lead it 5-4, and two games later went into the tiebreaker.

Chris Evert Lloyd had little trouble in beating 18-year-old Caroline Stoll.

In San Francisco, fifth-seeded Gene Mayer took an easy victory over George Hardie 6-1, 6-1 in the first round of a pro tennis tournament Monday.

Ellis Valentine snapped a ninth-inning tie with a run-scoring single to cap a late-inning comeback that gave the Expos their second-game victory.

Pittsburgh took the opener 5-2 with the aid of a two-run homer and a run-scoring triple by Bill Robinson.

Jerry Royster ripped a run-scoring ninth-inning single with the bases loaded to rally Atlanta to its first-game triumph over Houston. The Braves won the second game as Gary Matthews drove in four runs, including two in a five-run sixth inning.

Elsewhere in the NL, Ken Oberkfell singled home the tie-breaking run in the sixth and the St. Louis Cardinals took a 7-2 decision over Philadelphia in a game highlighted by Pete Rose's record-making 200th hit of the season.

Standings:

National League		
Montreal	94	61 .606
Pittsburgh	94	62 .603
St. Louis	94	71 .540
Philadelphia	81	76 .516
Detroit	78	76 .500
New York	77	98 .368
West		
Cincinnati	88	68 .564
Houston	88	71 .548
Los Angeles	76	75 .462
San Francisco	69	87 .392
San Diego	65	91 .417
Atlanta	63	92 .406
American League		
East		
Baltimore	100	54 .649
Milwaukee	91	64 .587
Houston	97	67 .565
New York	83	71 .539
Detroit	83	73 .532
Chicago	79	91 .511
Toronto	52	104 .333
West		
California	86	71 .548
Kansas City	82	75 .522
Minnesota	81	75 .519
Team	78	79 .500
Chicago	68	86 .442
Seattle	65	91 .417
Oakland	53	103 .340

JEDDAH GAME: Meriki moves in to defend the Ahli goal against an attack by Ohod of Medina during a game Monday night. Ahli won 2-1, with Tarik Diab scoring in the first five minutes. Abdul Vineen scored for Ohod at the start of the second half, but Ahli won with a goal by Khajali with nine minutes to go. The result was a disappointment to Ahli supporters.

Coe leads way to Olympics

Summer's athletes set pace for Moscow

record holders Maries Gohr and Marita Koch, both of East Germany, in the same meet.

Not with Larry Myricks of the United States, leaping into the record books with the best long jump ever at sea level.

Not with Miruts Yifter, the little Ethiopian, winning a series of major international long distance races with amazing regularity, thanks to a killing stretch run.

Not with Pietro Mennea of Italy, the self-proclaimed fastest 200-meter runner in the world, slicing through Mexico City's thin air for a world record in his favorite distance, after having cracked the world mark in the rarely run 300-meter.

Not with Steve Ovett showing that he is nearly as good as the world record holder.

But next summer it will be the Moscow Olympics, and the Soviet Union will be out to demonstrate its power both on and off the track.

The Russians showed some of

their might during this year's Spartakiad, the Olympic dress rehearsal, then displayed more of their power during the World Cup at Montreal and in the World University Games at Mexico City.

The Russians kept some of their star athletes under wraps during those meets, but they must launch them in an all-out assault in 1980, when a lot more is at stake.

However, the rest of the world will be waiting for them, and with some heavy artillery.

The United States, a group of European all-stars and East Germany finished ahead of the Russian men in the World Cup, and East Germany edged the Soviets in the women's competition at Montreal.

But the Russians dominated the track and field events at the World University Games, a meet geared for college-age athletes, winning a total of 19 medals, seven more than any other country.

This summer, however, belonged to people like Carl Mennea, Ashford, Myricks, Yifter, Nehemiah, Moses and Ovett.

Coe, the 22-year-old economics student trained by his father, had an incredible six-week period in which he broke world records at the 800, 1,500 and the mile.

First to fall was the 800 m at Bislett Stadium in Oslo, on July 5, he clipped exactly one second off the record held by Cuban Alberto Juantorena with a time of 1 minute, 42.4 seconds.

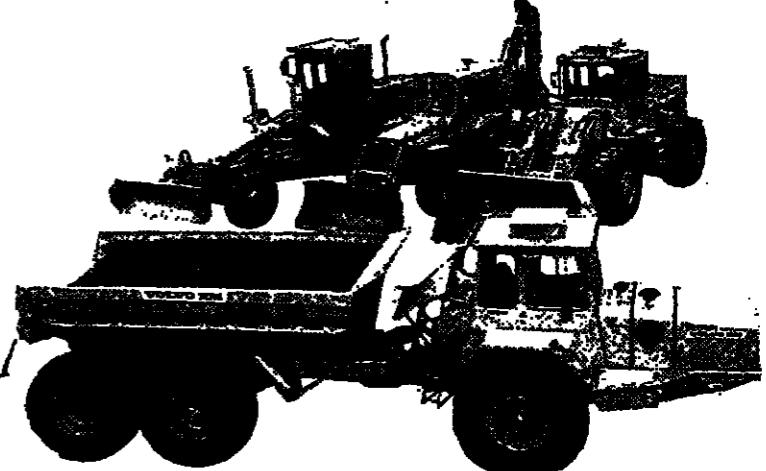
Twelve days later, in the same stadium, he lowered the mile record to 3:49.0, four-tenths of a second under than the mark set by New Zealand's John Walker in 1975.

And then, on Aug. 15, at Zurich Coe completed his magnificence, dropping the 1,500 record to 3:32.1, one-tenth of a second faster than the previous mark established by Filbert Bayi of Tanzania in 1974.

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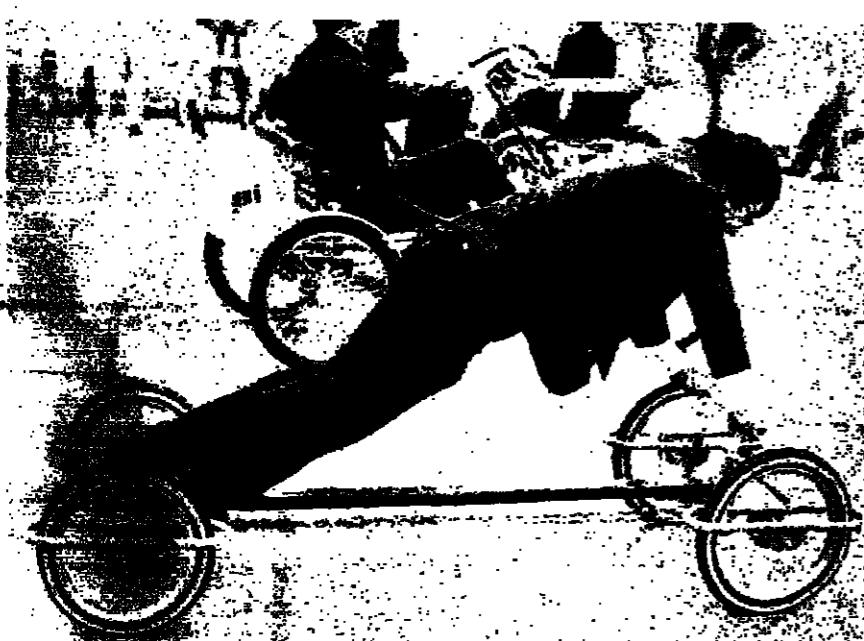
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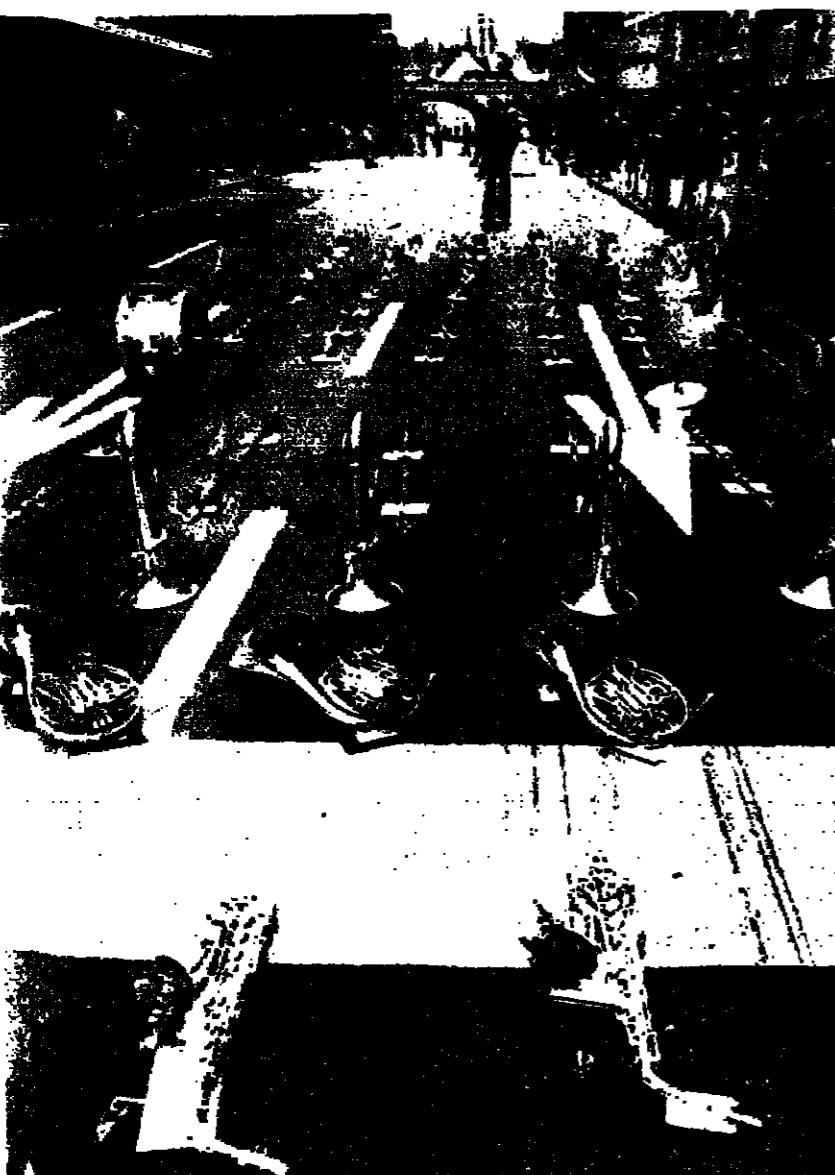
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The beautifully bubbly Scots Pop Star Lulu is alright after being hospitalized for two weeks following a serious car accident when she cut an artery.

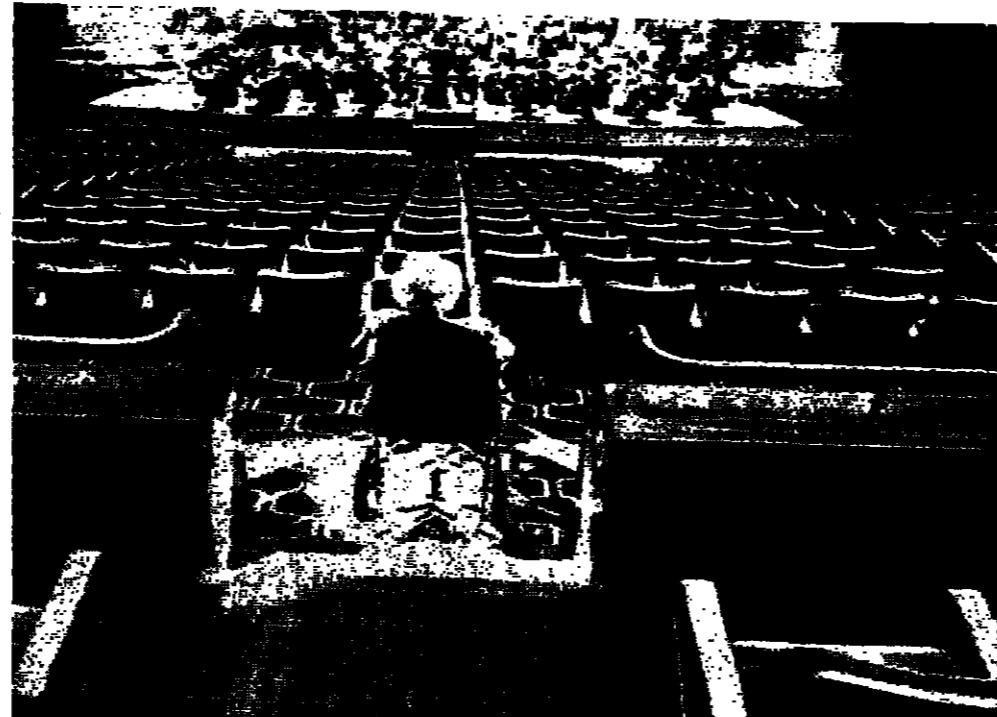


BIKED HAND AND FOOT: If you think cycling is fun then you might like to try this Japanese invention. A four-wheeled vehicle propelled by two pedals at the rear and steered by hand. Seen at an exhibition in Tokyo, it is said to work wonders on stomach muscles. Denture wearers are advised to keep their mouths shut while travelling by this form of transport!



ABANDONED: Musical instruments parade on a road in Zurich, but where are the players? Have they gone on strike? The answer was to be found at a nearby tavern where the musicians had gone to quench their thirst with Swiss mountain water after playing in a parade.

Sir Bob's first century



The Royal Festival Hall staged a unique concert this month with a full orchestra and an audience of one. The concert was a birthday tribute to Sir Robert Mayer, 100-year-old president of the London Schools Symphony Orchestra. Sir Robert was to have been the orchestra's guest of honour at a concert before flying in supersonic Concorde to the U.S. for a lecture tour. But his doctor grounded the centenarian so Sir Robert had to switch to the QE II for the crossing. Said Ken Golightly, one of the orchestra's administrators: "We heard that Sir Robert had been forced to change his travel plans we decided to bring the concert forward one week." Sir Robert was honoured earlier this year by the Queen for his outstanding contribution to involving children in music, later pronounced the concert a "tremendous success." He sat — in splendid isolation — in the center of the hall, and was greeted when he arrived by the 93-player orchestra with "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow" (above). After Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite" and Dvorak's "New World" Symphony the young players — whose ages range from 14 to 19 — entertained Sir Robert to a birthday tea party with a giant cake (below).

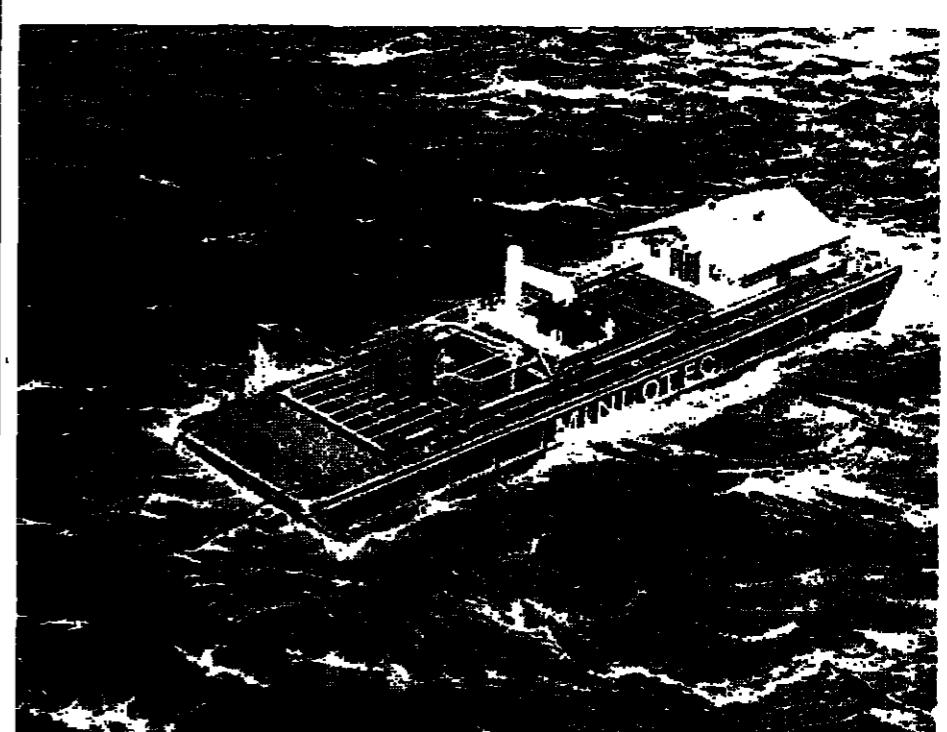


The young musicians who performed for Sir Robert Mayer at the Royal Festival Hall.

Thatcher's in trouble !



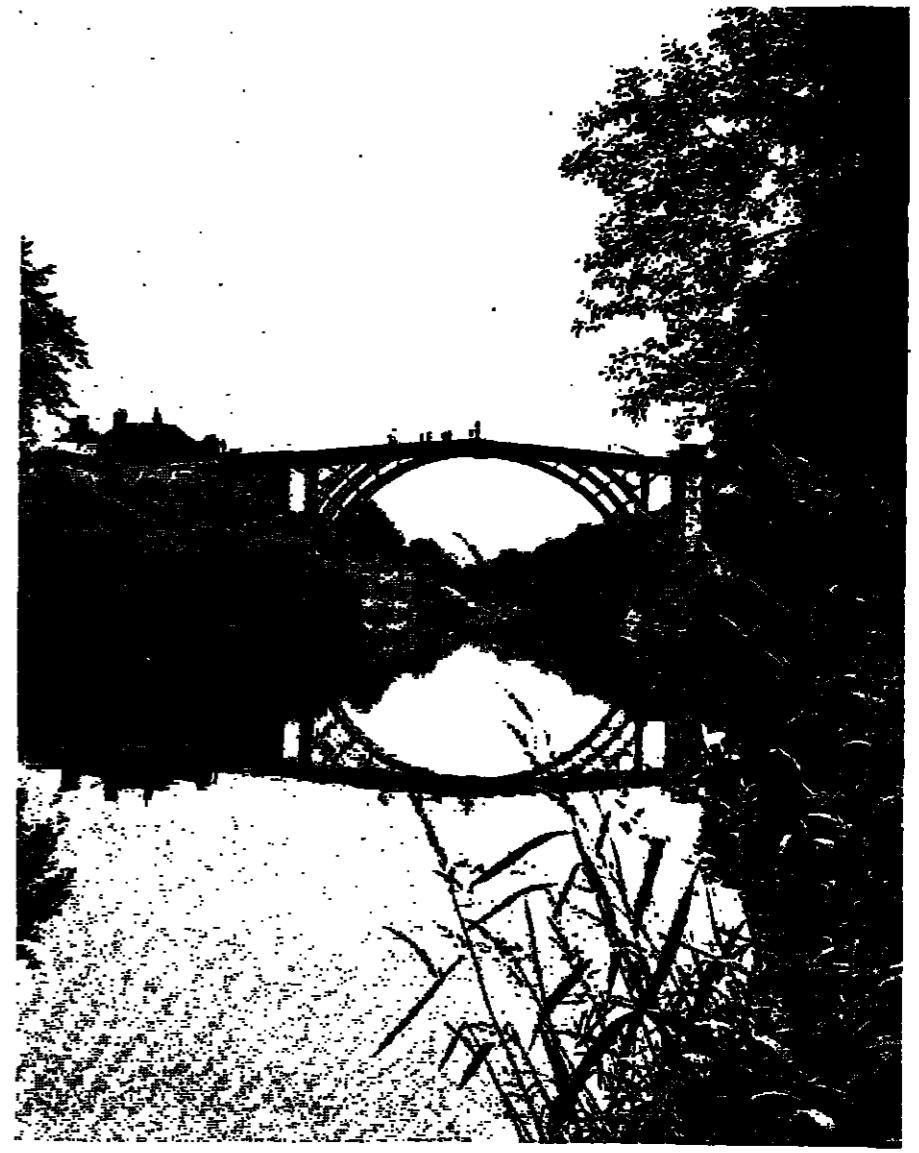
Margaret Thatcher, England's Prime Minister and Tory party chieftain, had a spot of bother recently when the button she had her finger on wouldn't work. It took two attempts for the Prime Minister to activate the switch at the new \$ 8 million nuclear power station at Dounreay in Northern Scotland.



ALOHA MINI-OEC: Latest developments in power supply is a new system that has just come into operation off the coast of Hawaii. Called Mini-OEC (Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion) the system comprises a floating barge that pipes cold water from depths of 600 meters. When the cold waters mix with the warm surface waters the reaction is sufficient to power an electricity generating turbine. The experimental project engineered by the U.S. Lockheed company is a major development towards producing power from the sea. Seen here is a rendering of the floating barge now in operation in the Pacific Ocean.



TO WIT: A picture of an owl in flight taken with a special infrared camera; a result of technical advances in military photography being used increasingly by wildlife organizations.



IRON BRIDGE MK I: The world's first iron bridge over the Severn River Gorge near Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, England, is 200 years old this year. The famous bridge was designed by Abraham Darby. It was the culmination of work started by his grandfather — another Abraham who perfected the technique of using coal to smelt iron in 1709. Coalbrookdale became known as the "cradle of the Industrial Revolution."

Worsening inflation

Increased costs of energy lift U.S. consumer prices

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (AP) — Higher energy costs continued to surge through the American economy in August, pushing consumer prices up 1.1 per cent, the government said Tuesday.

The sharp rise was the eighth consecutive monthly increase near or above 1 per cent, the Labor Department said. And it occurred despite a leveling-off in food prices, which showed no change in

August.

If there is no break in the price pattern, the nation will end the year with an inflation rate above 13 per cent — the worst since World War II, economists said.

The Labor Department Tuesday also introduced its new energy report, which gives monthly price statistics on gasoline, fuel oil and other energy costs.

The report showed the impact on families of the 60 per cent rise

in crude oil prices enacted by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) since the start of the year.

Among the statistics: — The average price for a gallon of gasoline last month across the United States was 96.7 cents, up 28.2 cents since the start of the year.

The average price of fuel oil was 80 cents per gallon, up 25.5 cents since December 1978.

In another report, the Labor Department said Americans' average earnings were badly eroded by inflation in August, falling 0.8 per cent in the month. Expendable earnings, which are weekly earnings after Social Security and Federal Taxes are deducted and adjustments are made for inflation, fell 0.9 per cent in August, the third consecutive monthly decline.

The administration of President Jimmy Carter has been hoping for a turnaround in inflation before the end of the year.

But Labor Department economist Patrick Jackman said signal of that turnaround are not yet visible in the Consumer Price Index.

"Energy has direct and indirect effects on prices, and we have to continue to face that," he said.

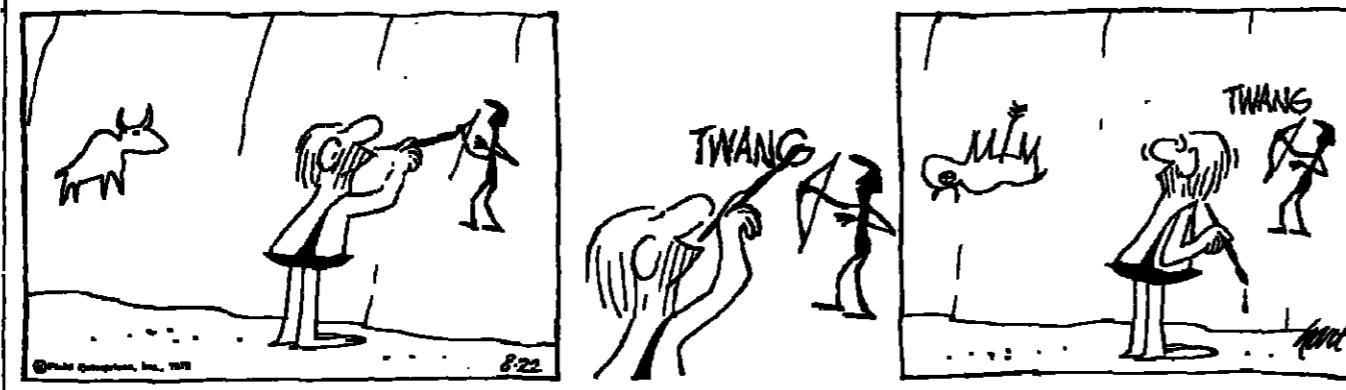
The report said "about two-thirds of the (August) increase was due to higher energy and home ownership prices."

Transportation prices were up 1.5 per cent for the month, with most of the rise blamed on a 4 per cent surge in gasoline prices. Public transit costs also rose.

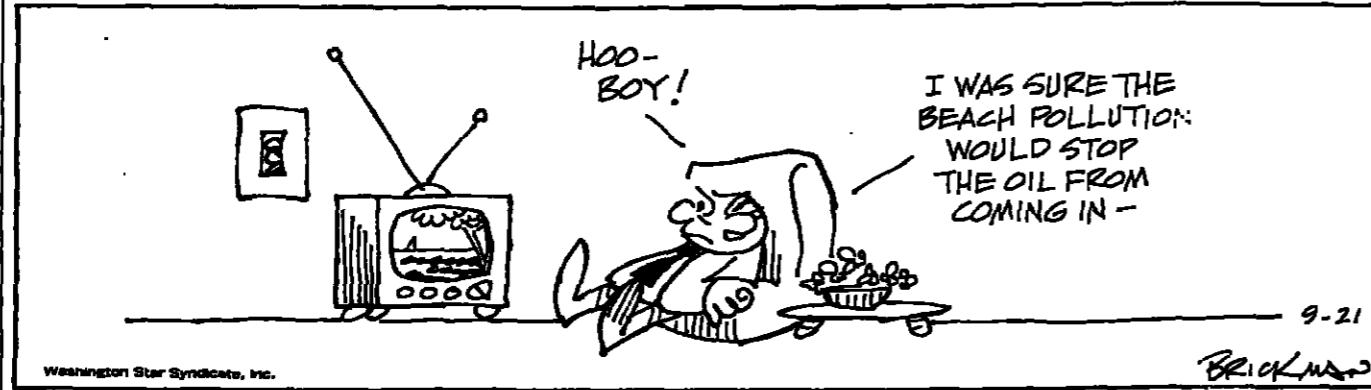
"In the 12 months ended in August, gasoline prices increased 46.1 per cent," the report said.

Housing costs also reflect higher fuel costs, with a 7.1 per cent August rise in fuel oil costs (56.4 per cent for the year) pushing the cost ahead rapidly.

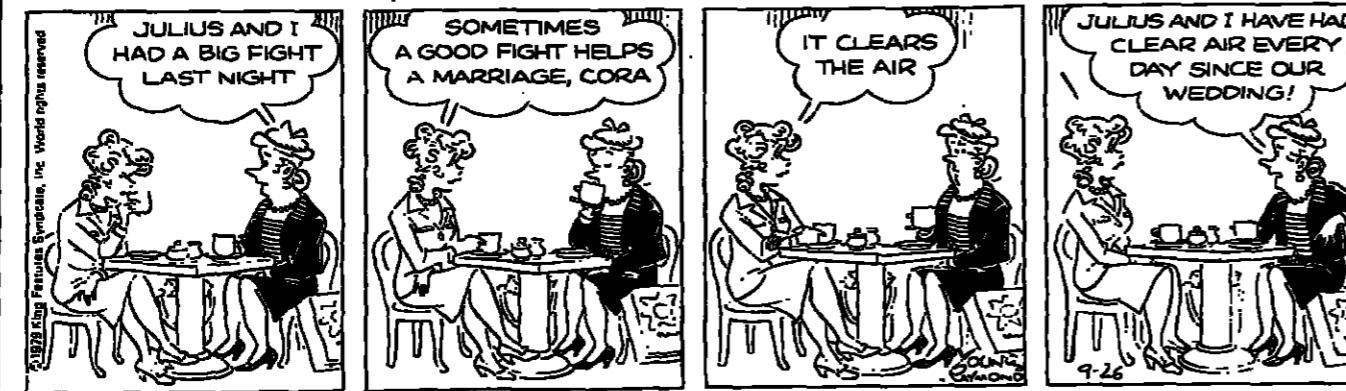
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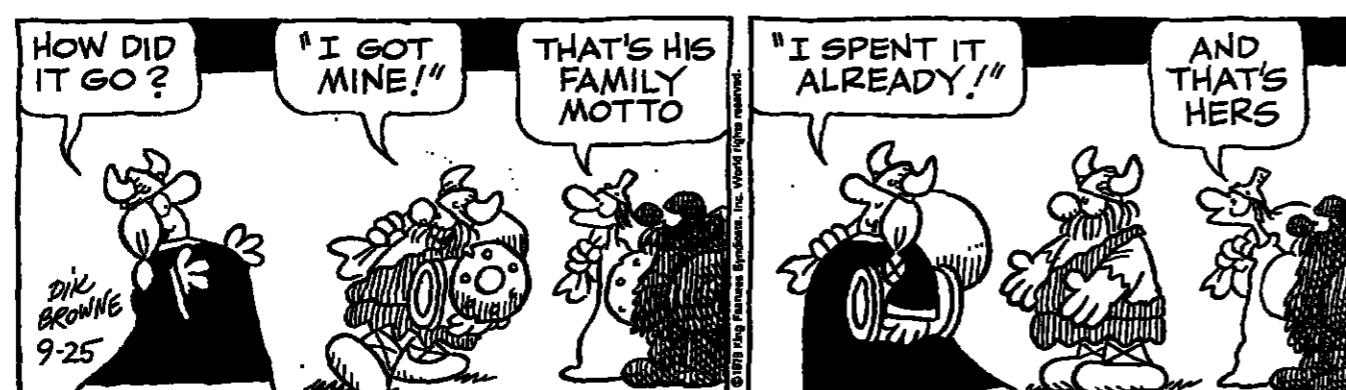
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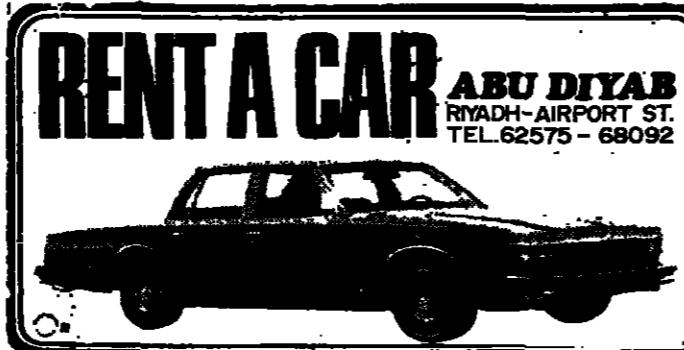


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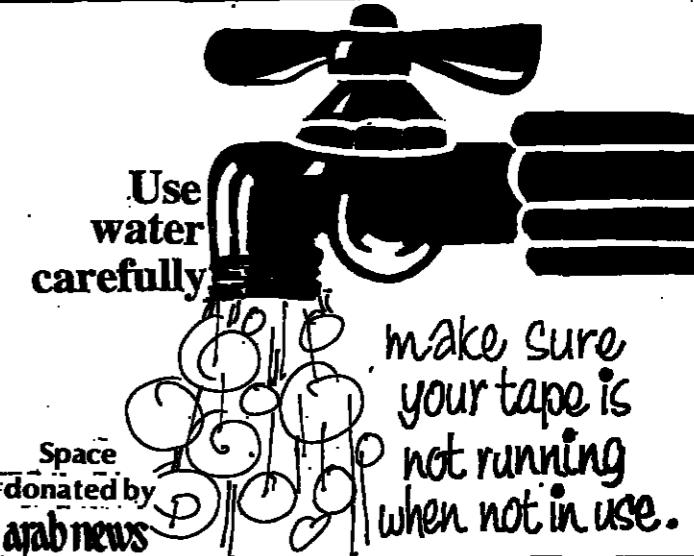
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Vance, Gromyko meet on Cuba

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — The United States and the Soviet Union have begun a high-level effort to resolve their dispute over Soviet troops in Cuba but the signs were Tuesday that the negotiations might be protracted.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance conferred with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko for 75 minutes at the Soviet United Nations mission Monday in the first meeting on the issue at the foreign minister level.

Both officials said they would report to their respective presidents and meet again on Thursday.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said later it was possible that meetings would stretch into next week. "This is a continuing process. It is difficult to predict its termination," he said.

Gromyko apparently indicating the seriousness with which Moscow regarded the talks, told reporters, "We touched on the substance of some matters. We did not conclude."

In keeping with his insistence that the talks be held out of the glare of publicity, Vance refused to give any hint of how they went. He transmitted a personal report to President Jimmy Carter minutes after the meeting ended.

It is nearly a month since the United States accused Moscow of deploying a combat brigade of 2,000 to 3,000 troops in Cuba. The Soviet side has insisted that its forces in Cuba are there only to train Cuban soldiers.

The dispute, raising latent U.S. concerns that Cuba could become a Soviet military base, has become a major political issue threatening in the U.S.

The White House has warned that it would retaliate against Moscow if the dispute is not



Andrei Gromyko

settled quickly, but officials left their statements deliberately vague.

In an address Monday to the U.N. General Assembly, Vance said: "The East-West relationship could deteriorate dangerously whenever one side fails to respect the security interests of the other."

Gromyko was due to speak to the Assembly Tuesday along with other foreign ministers, including Britain's Lord Carrington.

Vance conferred separately with Carrington Monday night.

Meanwhile, because of the issue, hopes are dimming for early Senate ratification — or any ratification at all — of the SALT II nuclear arms limitation treaty.

Despite Carter administration pleas that the subjects not be linked, a number of senators have said they will hold off on a SALT vote until the troops are removed from Cuba.

Others have gone farther than that, saying

that the Cuba troops issue is just one reflection of the Soviet attitude and shows that the Russians can not be trusted to keep agreements. These senators have said they will vote against the treaty.

Congressmen have said there was an implicit promise by the Soviet Union following the 1962 Cuban missile crisis to keep Soviet offensive weaponry off the island, and that the presence of a brigade of combat troops violates that understanding.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, the U.S. National Security adviser, said in an interview published over the weekend that the Soviet troops are "a serious problem in Soviet-American relations."

He warned of possible retaliation if the Soviets failed to cooperate in finding a solution. Vance, in marked contrast to Brzezinski, has attempted to soft-pedal the issue publicly, except in his speech Monday to the U.N. General Assembly.

Vance had scheduled his meeting with Gromyko for Thursday. It was moved up at the request of Soviet officials, Carter said.

"I assume they now have something to say to each other which ought to be said now," the spokesman said.

One Senator Owen Hatch, R. Utah, said Monday the Soviet brigade in Cuba has been training insurgents from all over Latin America and proposed an "immediate and total blockade of Cuba" until the force is removed.

Hatch also proposed that the United States support independence movements in Communist states in Eastern Europe and elsewhere and give active support — without direct military involvement — to any movement opposing "Soviet neo-colonialism."

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Army control, transition government

Snags still remain after Rhodesia accord

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — Officials of Britain and the two warring parties of Zimbabwe Rhodesia were to start trying to turn a compromise into a new constitution Tuesday, but big problems remained in the way of a stable peace.

Both the leaders of the Patriotic Front and the biracial Salisbury government were under evident pressure from their African supporters, who want an end to the seven-year war.

Tuesday's meetings, following major "first-round" concessions from both sides over white minority rights under black rule, were to involve lower-level officials. Delegation leaders meet again Wednesday with British officials.

The sponsors who have pushed the two sides toward the peace efforts are white-ruled

Pretoria applauds move

Dacko to recognize South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 25 (R) — Government and business leaders Tuesday hailed President David Dacko's surprise announcement that his Central African Republic is ready to establish diplomatic links with South Africa.

"Yes, we heartily welcome this," said Foreign Minister Pilk Botha.

"Cooperation between countries of Africa is necessary for promoting stability and a better understanding of each other's problems."

"Against this background, we will consider the offer of cooperation from the Central African Republic."

President Dacko, who deposed self-styled Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa in a bloodless coup last Thursday, took Pretoria completely by surprise with his overture, political sources said.

It was immediately seen as a step towards reviving South Africa's "detente" policy

Limann sworn in

Ghana returns to civilian rule

ACCRA, Ghana Sept. 25 (AP) — Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, who led a coup ousting Gen. Fred Akuffo June 4, Monday handed over power to Ghana's new civilian president, Hilla Limann, a 45-year-old former diplomat.

The 44-year-old Rawlings, who has led a military crusade against corruption in Ghana since the coup, warned the mild-mannered new president that anyone who seeks to

abuse power "will be resisted and unseated." Limann, leader of the People's National Party (PNP), speaking before a new parliament elected June 18, declared his government will fight to restore Ghana's battered economy.

"After many years of drift, of wandering in the political and economic wilderness, Ghana is about to find her feet again," he said.

He appealed to Ghanaians, especially the nation's youth, "to take up the task of putting Ghana back on the road to economic recovery and progress... in accordance with the ideals which were the ideals of the late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah."

The PNP is generally associated with the policies and personalities of the Convention People's Party of Nkrumah, who led Ghana for independence from Britain in 1957.

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Carrington had used similar language about the earlier constitutional concessions of Muzorewa, who depends on the dwindling 230,000 white population — outnumbered 30 to one by blacks — to run the army and the economy.

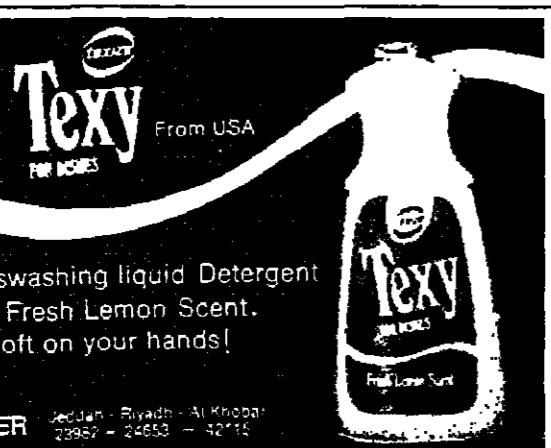
"South Africa, in a reversal of labor policy, announced Tuesday that all the country's black workers would be granted trade union rights.

Minister Fanie Botha told an employment and manpower conference that all workers, including citizens of the three independent homelands and other non-independent homelands, would be allowed to register as trade union members.

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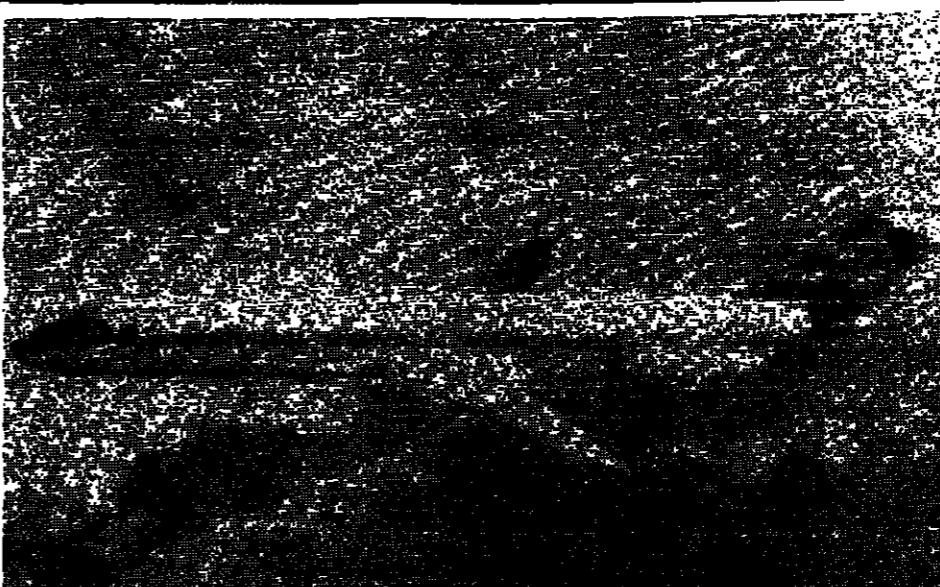


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INTROUBLE: The McDonnell-Douglas Corp.; manufacturer of the DC-9 pictured above, may be facing financial trouble during the next decade. First it had problems with its DC-10 jumbo jets and now there are problems with the smaller DC-9.

DC-9s develop cracks

New troubles hit McDonnell

McDonnell Douglas has not developed an all-new airplane to compete with the Boeing 757 and 767 and the European Airbus for the next generation of passenger jets.

Instead, the firm has been hoping to compete with modified versions of the DC-10. But sales of that plane may be crippled by the publicity surrounding the plane's grounding after the May crash of a DC-10 in Chicago that killed 273 persons.

"The guys who are making the plans for future airplane purchases are aware of the problems and are hesitant to put out a lot of money for an airplane that has a black mark in the consumer's mind," said Derchin. "There's also concern that if a DC-10 has another accident, it will cause a problem much deeper than they have now."

The emergency landing last week of an Air Canada DC-9 after the plane lost its tail cone over the Atlantic brought more adverse publicity on top of the DC-10 problems.

Another bit of bad news came Tuesday as one turbine of a Spanish Iberia Airlines DC-9 jet exploded though the plane landed safely.

Experts said, however, that the problem with the smaller DC-9 does not now seem nearly as serious as the DC-10 difficulties, and was a function of the age of the DC-9s — some of which went into service almost 15 years ago — rather than of a design or maintenance defect.

Over Chairmanship

International radio huddle stalled

GENEVA, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — A conference called to divide up the world's air waves for the next 20 years failed to start work in Geneva Tuesday because nonaligned countries and Western powers, led by the United States, could not agree on a chairman.

The dispute reflected sharp differences between the two on how frequencies should be assigned.

The World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC-79) brings together 1,500 delegates from most of the 154-member states of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

They should have met in opening plenary session Monday and started 10 weeks' work in committee sessions Tuesday.

In anticipation of an opening plenary ses-

Moro murder suspect hit in Rome shootout

ROME, Sept. 25 (Agencies) — A suspected killer of Italian statesman Aldo Moro lay in a coma Tuesday after being shot in the head and captured by police in a gunfight outside Rome's ancient city walls.

The arrest Monday night of 27-year-old Prospero Gallinari, believed to be one of the top men of Italy's Red Brigades urban guerrilla gang, was hailed by police as a breakthrough in the hunt for Moro's killers.

The five-time prime minister was kidnapped in March last year and found dead in an abandoned car in central Rome 54 days later.

The name of Gallinari, who escaped from jail in 1977, was immediately put on the list of the most wanted men along with that of fugitive Mario Moretti, believed to be the gang's mastermind.

Acting on a tip-off, police surprised Gallinari and two or three other people as they were changing the number plates of a stolen car in a street beneath Rome's famous Aurelian Walls.

Gallinari was hit by submachine fire when police approached the car and someone shot at them.

One police officer was wounded and one of the suspects, a woman, was arrested after a chase on foot, but a third suspect escaped.

Hospital sources said Gallinari was hit five times, once in the head, and his survival chances were slim.

Gallinari was sentenced last year to 10 years in absentia on charges of belonging to the guerrilla group.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Khater

There is an Arab saying, "those who idle become judges." But those who work as we do shall never know how would have made out as judges. Those who are idle, whether by profession hereditarily, would probably not bother judging in any case, no matter how time might hang on their hand.

The proverb does not really mean the idle gravitate naturally to any branch of the legal profession. It is that they mainly kill time with judgments and comments on people and their affairs, making everyone's business but their own.

Thus for the Arab view. In the West we have recently discovered, the idle themselves with other things. We papers often carry strange stories, whether protagonists or rather perpetrators, never have been able to think them up, yet the vaguest relation to serious work.

Many of these stories find their way books concerned with records, the famous of these being the Guinness Book of Records. These books usually concern things like sporting records, or records which just happen, like the tallest human and woman, the fattest human being, the largest animal, the longest time so one remained buried in a collapsed building, the worst earthquake disaster in on. But these are not our concern here.

What concerns us now are things out of sheer, unadulterated madness, madness, as they say, is the mother of many an art. For instance, what could award but the lash for those who break world kissing record. For what can couple have been thinking, wasting days in their effort to beat the previous record? What else did they achieve swollen lips?

Likewise the man who walked kilometers backward. Had God wanted to walk in this way, he would have placed eyes at the back of our heads. No doubt that man had to keep straining his neck to see where he was going. No doubt was all he ended up with: a cracked neck.

There are, equally, a record for walking on one leg, another for walking on one hand, a third for non-stop lying (with jury monitoring the lies), a fourth for sitting on a pillar, a fifth for slinging custard pies (held by a primary school — our graduations to the headmaster and teaching staff) and so on and so on.

There are tens, no hundreds, of gulping records. Yet all these have time-limits, lest the greedy competitor himself with food. Thus it is what you guzzle in a minute or half a minute counts. If this seems unadventurous, the food in question is apples or bananas then try it with onions, garlic or hot peppers.

I read in an American paper once the rules of the "Frog Jumping Championship" had to be changed, some competitors entered a special brand of South American frogs which had a meter wide jump. The new ground rules for the competition stipulate the original frog used, the means employed encourage it to jump, whether by throwing cold water over it, or threatening it with lit matches or whatever, question of who really cares for jump seems to have entered no one's mind.

Some may find in all of this a kind pleasant diversion, of no use to man beast, yet essentially harmless. But those who, like most of us, have to work hard our living, cannot but feel impatient such innocent amusements. They are idleness on a scale so vast we do not dare to imagine it. I think an embattled bespectacled sub-editor in Ashar Al Awtar, the world woes reflected in his face, with his hard earned one yearly vacation. Would he, I wonder, spend it in the jungles of hunting for these champion frogs, the true champion be the frog or its owner?

— I wouldn't know.

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Suarez cancels trip to America due to murder

MADRID, Sept. 25 (AP) — President Adolfo Suarez called off a scheduled trip to America Tuesday in the midst of political unrest and terrorism at home.

A spokesman for the premier's office said Suarez gave no reason for suspending the day trip.